

Loving Through Betrayal

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I Can Love Through Betrayal When I:

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What pain are you pretending doesn't exist?

- _____
- _____
- _____
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Remember:

I cannot heal what I _____ to face.

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_____ God to come into my brokenness.

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- **God doesn't just confront brokenness, He _____ me in my brokenness.**
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Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

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